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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE ON NATO SUMMIT DECLARATION

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BEGIN SUMMARY: EMBOFFS

CALLED ON FONOFF ACTING POLITICAL DIRECTOR ROTH TO

REQUEST FRG SUPPORT FOR THE U.S. DRAFT OF A NATO SUMMIT

DECLARATION. AMBASSADOR ROTH INFORMED US THAT A

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POSITION APPROVED BY THE FONOFF AND THE CHANCELLERY

HAD ALREADY BEEN SENT TO THE FRG'S DELEGATION FOR SUBMISSION TO NATO. THE GIST OF THE FRG POSITION IS THAT IT LIKES NEITHER THE I.S. NOR THE BELGIAN DRAFT. INSTEAD, IT SUPPORTS A THIRD APPROACH. END SUMMARY

1. AMBASSADOR ROTH SAID THE FRG AGREES THAT THE BELGIAN DRAFT WAS TOO WEAK AND DOES NOT PROVIDE A SUITABLE BASIS OF DEPARTURE. THE FRG WAS WILLING TO ACCEPT PARAS ONE AND TWO OF THE I.S. DRAFT. PARA THREE IS ALSO ACCEPTABLE ALTHOUGH THE FRG WISHED TO EXPAND SOMEWHAT ON THE I.S. DRAFT ON ALLIED SOLIDARITY.

2. THE FRG FAVORS SCRAPING PARAS FOUR, FIVE, AND SIX OF I.S. DRAFT AND THEIR REPLACEMENT BY NEW WORDING. WHILE THE FRG IS NOT REPEAT NOT READY TO SUBMIT ANY PROPOSED LANGUAGE, IT FELT THAT THE FOLLOWING CONCEPTS WERE WORTH TREATMENT: (A) A REFERENCE TO THE COMMON DESTINY OF NORTH AMERICA AND EUROPE. IN THIS CONNECTION A REFERENCE TO STATEMENT WHICH PRESIDENT FORD WILL BE MAKING AT BRUSSELS MIGHT BE IN ORDER. (B) A STATEMENT REAFFIRMING ALLIED TRUST IN THE U.S. COMMITMENT TO NATO. (C) A REFERENCE TO THE GREAT IMPORTANCE OF A STABLE DEVELOPMENT IN THE MEDITERRANEAN. IN THIS CONTEXT SOME REFERENCE TO THE NECESSITY TO SOLVE CONFLICTS BETWEEN NATO PARTNERS IN A SPIRIT OF SOLIDARITY WOULD BE IN ORDER. (D) A REFERENCE TO CSCE INCLUDING AN EXPRESSION OF THE HOPE THAT THE CONFERENCE WILL BE CONCLUDED AT "AN APPROPRIATE LEVEL." (E) AN OBLIQUE REFERENCE TO THE MBFR NEGOTIATIONS WHICH WOULD PLACATE THE FRENCH BY NOT SPECIFICALLY REFERRING TO THOSE TALKS AS SUCH BUT WOULD RATHER NOTE THE LINK BETWEEN THE POLITICAL AND MILITARY ASPECTS OF SECURITY.

3. AMBASSADOR ROTH STATED THAT FONOFF STATE SECRETARY GEHLHOFF HAD TAKEN EXCEPTION TO THE LISTING OF PROBLEMS AND DETAILING OF RESOLVES CONTAINED IN THE I.S. DRAFT. HOWEVER, CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT HAD HIMSELF NOT AS YET DEALT WITH THE SUMMIT DECLARATION PROBLEM. THE SUBJECT IS EXPECTED TO BE TREATED AT A MAY 16

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MEETING WHICH THE CHANCELLOR IS SCHEDULED TO ATTEND. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT HE MAY HAVE SOME VIEWS OF HIS OWN AS TO WHAT THE NATO SUMMIT DECLARATION SHOULD SAY.

4. COMMENT: ROTH DID NOT MENTION INCLUDING A REFERENCE TO BERLIN IN SUMMIT DECLARATION. IN SIMULTANEOUS BONN GROUP MEETING, HOWEVER, FRG REP URGED GROUP TO

CONTINUE WORKING ON A BERLIN PASSAGE FOR POSSIBLE
INCLUSION, ON GROUNDS THAT DRAFTS AT NATO WERE GETTING
LONGER AND MIGHT END UP IN FORM OF MORE TRADITIONAL
COMMUNIQUE, IN WHICH CASE BERLIN LANGUAGE WOULD BE
NEEDED.
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